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Community Day to celebrate 150 years of Town of Wappinger



Community Day in Wappinger this year will celebrate the 150th commemoration of the formation of the Town. Community Day is set for May 17 at Brexel-Schlathaus Park. Pictured is along Main St. (Route 9D) in Hughsonville decades ago.

-Courtesy photo

By Kristine Coulter

The Town of Wappinger community is ready to commemorate its formation 150 years ago.

“Wappinger has a long history steeped in heroism, innovation, and prosperity, which has allowed our town to grow. Our central location, just 70 miles north of New York City, and boasting a Hudson River coast, contributed to the town’s significant agricultural and industrial past,” said Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini. “Wappinger takes its name from the Wappinger or Wappani Native Americans who lived along the east side of the Hudson.”

Cavaccini, who is the 30th supervisor to lead the town, said, “Our community is home to 28.5 square miles of quiet neighborhoods, five-star dining, premier shopping amenities, breathtaking natural sites, fascinating history, exceptional schools, and so much more. Made up of the non-incorporated hamlets of Chelsea, Hughsonville, New Hackensack, Swartwoutville, Myers Corners, Middlebush, Diddell, and Fowler House; and ¾ of the incorporated Village of Wappingers Falls; the Town of Wappinger has a distinct character based off its rich and unique past.”

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The Wappingers Central School District’s 75th annual Festival of the Arts will take place on May 17 at Mesier Park in Wappingers Falls. Pictured is one of the photographs entered in the festival by student Andrew Maus Delgado.

-Courtesy photo WCSD

Saturday in the park with art 75th annual ‘Festival of the Arts’ May 17

By Kristine Coulter

Enjoy a Saturday in Mesier Park with art. The 75th annual Festival of the Arts will be held on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the village of Wappingers Falls. Attendees will be able to see thousands of pieces of artwork, in a variety of mediums, created by the thou-

sands of students in the Wappingers Central School District (WCSD).

WCSD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dwight Bonk said, “We are proud to present the artwork that was created by thousands of our students as their extraordinary work will be on display throughout

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‘Art Day in the Village’ of Wappingers Falls May 17

By Kristine Coulter

Attendees to this year’s “Art Day in the Village” are in for a day of “art, music, and community,” said organizers. The 2025 celebration is set for Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., in the village of Wappingers Falls at various locations. The free event will have interactive experiences, live art demos and an artist market. The rain date is May 18.

“Planning has been going great—we’ve got over 20 artists lined up to display their work throughout the village, along with a half dozen live art demonstrations happening across Main Street,” said organizer and artist Brian Zickafoose. The award-winning artist noted that one of the highlights of the celebration will be the unveiling of two brand-new community art banners by Zickafoose and another award-winning artist, Perry Kroeger. The banners will be installed on buildings in the heart of the village.

“This year’s live art will be a vibrant, interactive experience for visitors. We’re featuring a live mural station sponsored by Splash Art Murals, with [me] and [artist] Ralph McQuiston creating a collaborative public piece on site. Guests can also watch live painting from Wild Hudson Studio, Angela Rizza, and Kyra Joy, intricate pyrography (also known as wood burning) in action by Gorgon Riggs, and live beadwork demonstrations by At the Falls Beadwork. It’s a rare opportunity to see a wide range of artistic processes unfold in real time,” remarked Zickafoose.

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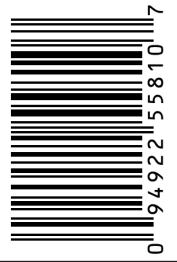
“Art Day in the Village” will take place on May 17 in Wappingers Falls. Pictured is by Katy Siebel.

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The commemoration of the formation of the town will include numerous signature events, and the supervisor said “we are moving full steam ahead!”

What does the rest of 2025 have in store for the celebration?

Parade to be held on Community Day

“We are returning to our Community Day’s roots by returning this event to May, as it was 50 years ago during the 100th anniversary celebration. We will be opening our brand new “Sesquicentennial Stage” at Brexel-Schlathaus Park with an incredible line up of live music, dozens of diverse food trucks, a beverage tent hosted by Obercreek Brewing Company, our 150th Anniversary Parade, children’s activities, community vendors, and so much more,” explained Cavaccini. The parade will take place at noon.

To register to take part in the parade, or become a vendor, call 845-297-0720 or visit wappingerrecreation.com.

During the event the winner of the Town Su“paw”visor will be announced. Residents were able to enter their dogs in the contest and voting took place through May 12.

Councilman Al Casella, who represents Ward 4, stated via email, “I am honored to be a part of the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Town of Wappinger. We have made significant improvements in the Town over the last several years. We have improved our recreation facilities at Robinson Lane, finished the Challenger Field and made general improvements to various other fields at the park, improved Martz Field by adding pickleball courts and resurfacing the Tennis courts, repaved the park at Rockingham and will reseed the fields in the Fall of 2025.”

Casella noted, “We have made significant improvements to Schlathaus Park including our brand-new 1,000 sq. ft. stage that was badly needed and will debut May 17th. We continue to make investments in the Town to enhance the quality of life for the residents like our new Chelsea dock, new digital signs for Schlathaus Park and Town Hall, and new vehicles for our building and grounds team. We pave approximately 6 miles of road each year. These improvements make Wappinger a great place to live and the board will continue to make improvements.”

Fishkill Rural Cemetery to hold Memorial Day program on May 26

Fishkill Rural Cemetery will host a Memorial Day program on May 26 at 10 a.m. at the Hugh J. Maurer Mausoleum on the cemetery grounds, 801 Route 9, in Fishkill. The event will be held rain or shine and is free.

The speaker will be Joseph McCall, Chaplain Corp. of Cadets, West Point. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 845-896-6227.

Community Day will lead to the actual commemoration of the official incorporation of the town.

“Wappinger150 Community Day will be the preface to May 20th which is the official incorporation date of the Town of Wappinger. To mark this momentous occasion, we will be returning to the original Wappinger Town Hall on Mill Street in the Village for a reenactment of the founding of our Town government and the first Town Board meeting. My colleagues in government and I will be portraying historical figures such as our first Town Supervisor James A. Seward, Irving Grinnell, Clinton Clapp, and others. We invite all residents and past and present Town employees back to the Mill Street former Town Hall for this presentation and to cut the ceremonial Town Birthday Cake,” stated the supervisor. This will take place at 4:30 p.m.

Reflections on the past and hope for the future

“As I reflect on our Town’s past, it is important to note the generations of Wapperians who have risen to the occasion to improve this Town and leave their mark on this community. Our Town has been shaped by amazing

Post office
New HICKORYSACK

The New Hackensack Post Office from decades ago.

-Courtesy photo Town of Wappinger

individuals over the centuries who wanted good government, strong commerce, and a beautiful place to live," said Cavaccini.

Casella invited the community to join in the 150th celebration. "The town has come a long way in 150 years and it's great to be able to see these great improvements for the residents and

be a part of the transformation," he said.

Cavacini remarked, "As we continue into our next 150 years, it is my hope that our Town continues to focus on enhancing the quality of life for our neighbors and that the strong foundations we build today, will be expanded upon into the future."

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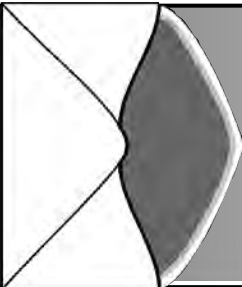
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Due to a holiday press schedule for Memorial Day, the May 28 issue of Southern Dutchess News will have early deadlines for all departments. Editorial and calendar submissions must be received by Thursday, May 22, at noon. Advertising must be received by Thursday, May 22, at 5 p.m. Contact cschmidt@sducthessnews.com for more information.

Late State Budget does some, but not enough, to address New York’s affordability crisis

To the Editor:

The New York State Legislature has finally passed a 2025-2026 state budget that takes some steps to address the affordability crisis, but does nowhere near enough to remedy New Yorkers’ economic pain. Because of Governor Hochul’s bad faith negotiating, this was the most overdue budget in 15 years. She managed to exclude critical clean energy legislation, even though we are in a climate crisis. She left out progressive revenue raisers, even though Trump and Musk are moving to cut federal funding. She neglected to fully address the statewide housing crisis, despite the rising rates of evictions and homelessness.

There will be some relief for working families in the form of free school meals for K-12 students, an expanded Empire State Child Tax Credit, and the launch of a pilot version of the Housing Access Voucher Program (HAVP). Although HAVP’s inclusion is a huge win that will help many people pay their rent, it is ridiculous that Governor Hochul refused to fully fund the program. We are sure to see many evictions avoided, and lives saved, because of HAVP. However, the program will only be as effective as it is sufficiently resourced. Governor Hochul and the Legislature must commit to fully funding a permanent rental assistance program to keep people in their homes.

It is unconscionable that the state failed to pass the NY HEAT Act for a third year in a row or take any meaningful climate action at all. Passing NY HEAT to cap utility bills at 6% of household income for all households would have provided exactly the sort of assistance Governor Hochul promised when she vowed to address cost of

living in this budget. Instead of siding with working class New Yorkers, the Governor delayed and derailed the budget process by fighting to weaken criminal justice reforms to lock up more people. She has no plan to address federal funding cuts except to expand her own executive authority. New York could protect our social safety net by raising taxes on the billionaires and corporations. Instead, Hochul would rather put more cops on the subway to try to defend herself against a primary threat she absolutely deserves.

This is why we must elect officials who care more about our communities than corporate donors. We should celebrate this year’s budget wins, but we must not forget how Governor Hochul wasted our time and overlooked our needs this budget cycle.

Daniel Atonna
Political Coordinator at For the Many
Candidate for City of Poughkeepsie Common Council (Ward 8).

New York State budget champions environmental protection

To the Editor:

Scenic Hudson commends Governor Kathy Hochul and the State Legislature for passing a robust budget that sustains funding for vital environmental and climate resiliency initiatives. The FY 2025-26 budget boasts a historic level of funding for the Environmental Protection Fund and the largest investment in resiliency in New York’s history, demonstrating the strong commitment of our elected officials as stewards and protectors of our air, land, and water, now and for future generations.

Scenic Hudson expresses its strong support for these final state budget provisions:

- \$425 million for the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), including these programs.
- \$19.5 million for Climate Resilient Farms
- \$18 million for Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- \$25 million for Farmland Protection
- \$42 million for Open Space and Land Conservation
- \$200 million for New York State Parks capital improvements
- \$500 million for clean water infrastructure
- The exemption of nonprofit conservation organizations from the payment of the “Mansion Tax,” a real estate transfer tax imposed by New York State on properties exceeding \$1 million
- \$289,000 to the City of Kingston and \$33,000 to the Town of Ulster to address decreased tax revenue to these host communities of Sojourner Truth State Park
- \$1 billion for the Sustainable Future Fund

These programs will guarantee that New Yorkers continue to benefit from access to nature, clean drinking water, and healthy, local food, even without current federal funding.

Scenic Hudson President Ned Sullivan said, “We commend Governor Hochul and the State Legislature for coming together to create a budget that puts environmental concerns front and center. Importantly, this year’s budget includes increased funding for farmland protection and open space conservation. We are thrilled that \$19.5 million has been allocated for the Climate Resilient Farming program within the Environmental Protection Fund. These resources will go directly to supporting farmers in their implementation of practices that benefit both soil health and farm viability, including improved water quality and increased food system resiliency. These budget augmentations will also empower land trusts across the state to expand conservation efforts to protect working farms and ecologically important lands. Increased funding, coupled with the exemption of nonprofit conservation organizations from the Mansion Tax, clearly demonstrates our state decisionmakers’ understanding of how these elements work together to secure a healthy and vibrant future for New York.”

Pete Lopez
Executive Director of Policy, Advocacy & Science at Scenic Hudson

Serino highlights Vietnam Nurses as Dutchess County recognizes National Nurses Week

In recognition of National Nurses Week 2025, commemorated every year from May 6-12th, Dutchess County honored and celebrated the outstanding contributions of nurses across our community, with special gratitude to our own dedicated Public Health Nurses who serve residents through the County’s Office for the Aging and Department of Health, as well as the Department of Mental Health’s Community Public Health Nurses.

National Nurses Week is a time to reflect on the tireless work of nurses across the country and the vital role they play in every corner of our health care system. Dutchess County extends a heartfelt thank-you to nurses who serve with professionalism, empathy and skill. Their dedication has been especially vital in recent years and continues to guide our community through evolving public health challenges.

This year, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino is shining a spotlight on nurses who served our nation during the Vietnam War. These individuals didn’t carry weapons, but they carried hope – working long hours in hospitals and mobile units to save lives, provide comfort, and show strength in the face of unimaginable hardship.

While there are no official records of the exact number of nurses who served in Vietnam – it is estimated approximately 9,000 numbers served. However, there is no national recognition day for them.

In honor of their courage and sacrifice, Serino proclaimed May 6, 2025 as Vietnam Nurses Day in Dutchess County.

Their bravery left a lasting legacy, and Dutchess County is proud to honor



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, left, and Adam Roche, Director of the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs, recently honored Edie Meeks, a resident of Beacon, who served in Vietnam. Serino proclaimed May 6, 2025 as Vietnam Nurses Day in Dutchess County.

-Courtesy photo Dutchess County Gov’t

their service.

Serino and Adam Roche, Director of the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs, recently honored one such nurse, who shared her personal tale of service to her country.

Beacon resident Edie Meeks served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Meeks discussed with the County Executive what motivated her to enlist and the profound impact her experience in Vietnam still carries. One can watch the discussion online at the Dutchess County Government’s Facebook page.

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Food, drink and local history make up DCHS Honors event

By Bill Jeffway

The Dutchess County Historical Society’s (DCHS) Annual Historic Preservation & Awards Celebration will take place on Sunday, June 1 at the historic home and carriage barn collection of Dick Lahey in Wappingers Falls. Sponsorships that allow us to celebrate best in class people and practices and ticket sales can be found here: dch-sny.org/2025june01. Simply Gourmet is providing food and drink.

Historic Preservation Award is given to Dick Lahey - Dick has been collecting carriages for over 50 years, curating his collection of original and restored carriages and is especially proud of the carriages that have their roots in the Hudson Valley, either through their original owners and/or their builders. His collection, housed in a century old barn, includes not only the carriages, but the riding gear, accoutrements, photographs, and historic prints. He makes his home in a house that dates to 1790, one of the hidden treasures in the town of Wappinger.

Lahey spent his early years in Hughsonville New York, where he became acquainted with farm life, horses and carriages, making his first horse purchase when he was 14.

After graduating from Wappinger’s schools, he attended Dutchess County Community College and SUNY New Paltz, where upon graduation he taught for 35 years in the Spackenkill School District, initially 5th and 6th graders and then developing and leading the district’s talented and gifted program. He also taught at Marist College for 15 years, mathematics and guiding/coaching new teachers as they built their skills.

Lahey is a founding member of the Mid-Hudson Driving Association and a board member of the Carriage Association of America. These responsibilities include judging and conducting demonstrations at many sites throughout the Hudson Valley, including at the Dutchess County Fair.

His interests go far beyond his carriage collection, his community contributions are many and include leading the Board at the Stony Kill Foundation, chairing the Hudson Valley Teacher’s center, a board member of the Putnam-Highlands Audubon Society, and holds long-time memberships with the Watermen Bird Club, the Wappingers Historical Society and Friends of Carnwath. He is very generous with his time, sharing his knowledge of the

people, businesses, and stories of Hughsonville, Wappinger and Dutchess County formally and informally – and for that we are very grateful.

The Dutchess Award recognizes county residents who made exceptional contributions in areas of preservation, history, and/or education. Congratulations Rob & Sue Doyle!

Rob and Sue Doyle are community leaders with a dedication to the history of Dutchess County, to the preservation and conservation of information and works of art, and to helping others. Over the past six years on the DCHS Board, including the past four as President, Rob has contributed countless hours to increasing the visibility of



Above: Dick Lahey’s lifetime collection of horse and carriage related historical items are on display in the barn adjacent to his home, both of which will be open for the DCHS event.

-DCHS photos.

DCHS through his tireless networking, his programs on topics such as the history of New Hamburg and the importance of women artists in the 19th century, and his natural ability to see potential opportunities in any and every situation.

Together, Rob and Sue have transformed DCHS through their philanthropy and their shared vision for the annual auction, which began in 2021 and has since grown into the historical society’s largest annual fundraiser. Rob and Sue’s love of art was a major component in the success of the exhibition, “Fertile Ground: The Hudson Valley Animal Paintings of Caroline Clowes,” which was visited by over 1,000 people in Autumn 2022. Beyond DCHS, Rob and Sue have made significant contributions to a wide range of social causes including Hope on a Mission, the Animal Rescue Foundation, and the Fishkill Food Pantry, among countless others. Sue is active in the Rotary Club of Fishkill, and has been a supporter of Dutchess Community College where she previously served on their Foundation Board, including completing a term as Board President. Rob has served on many county-wide Boards including Dutchess Tourism, Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce and Boy Scouts.

Retired Auctioneers, both Sue and Rob have been inducted into the National Auction Association’s Hall of Fame, the only husband and wife inducted in the NAA Hall of Fame’s 56-year history.

The Business of Historic Distinction Award is given to a long-standing business that demonstrates service and commitment to Dutchess County residents. Congratulations Legion Fireworks, Roberta Theiss accepting.

Legion Fireworks was founded in 1920 in Beacon by Joseph Chiarelli, moving to the town of Wappinger in 1924. The business has had only two families own and operate it in that time. In the 19th century, Italy was the leading European country to embrace fireworks, a Chinese invention. The large influx of Italians in the late 19th century saw a large influx of those skills. Many fireworks companies in the United States have roots of Italian heritage and history. Frank Coluccio, who started out as an employee of Chiarelli, took over the business in 1981 and took on every aspect of the business: the responsibility of book, managing, and literally creating



Above clockwise from top left: DCHS 2025 award winners Dick Lahey (photo courtesy of Tony Musso for the Poughkeepsie Journal, Rob & Sue Doyle, Aidan Chisamore, Don Fraser, the late Frank Coluccio of Legion Fireworks.

-Courtesy photos DCHS

each pyrotechnic. Coluccio spoke to the Poughkeepsie Journal in 2005 saying, “I’m a performer, I perform for an audience and I love to hear their cheers!” For pro-bono work as well as business and community-friendly approaches, Coluccio received the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce Good Neighbor Award in 2021. Coluccio passed away in 2024. The business continues in the family under the leadership of Frank’s life partner Roberta Theiss, her daughter Deanna Theiss, and Frank’s nephew Christopher Walsh.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Award is given to a person early in their career who has demonstrated great interest, scholarship, and enthusiasm for local history. Congratulations Aidan Chisamore!

After graduating from Vassar College in 2024 with a degree in History, Aidan has quickly become an integral member of the DCHS team. Utilizing his wide range of skills

and unique aptitude for archiving, Aidan has taken the lead on assessing the DCHS collections, creating best in class searchable public access tools, and developing the foundation for a permanent infrastructure that has transformed the accessibility of the DCHS Archive.

In addition to his work with collections, Aidan has demonstrated initiative in learning and improving all aspects of our “society” including membership, development,

and community engagement. As a de facto docent of the Historical Society, Aidan is often the first point of contact for visitors, and has guided countless inquirers as they have begun their Dutchess County history exploration with courtesy.

The Eileen Mylod Hayden Award for Excellence in Education honors a Dutchess County educator who through innovation and creativity imparts a love and appreciation of local history to students. Congratulations Don Fraser!

Fraser began his career with New York State Parks and Historic Preservation as a Student Conservation Association intern at Staatsburgh State Historic Site (Mills Mansion) in 1999 and was responsible for developing educational environmental programs related to the property.

He went on to hold leadership positions at Fort Montgomery and Clermont State Historic Sites before returning to Staatsburgh as the Site Educator. In this position he has welcomed students from 2nd grade through college to the site and provided innovative and engaging educational programs. He is recognized as an outstanding historic house interpreter who imparts information about the mansion and its residents in a lively and engaging manner.

Fraser’s development of educational programs on topics such as Gilded Age Scandals and World War 1, as well as his focus on teaching untold histories that spotlight the less visible residents of Dutchess County, has resulted in a significant contribution to the understanding of how the Livingston-Mills family impacted Dutchess County.

DCHS is also pleased to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Town of Wappinger and offers this event as part of the festivities. Information at dchsnny.org/2025june01. Or simply mail a check (\$100 per person ticket price) to DCHS, 6282 Route 9, Rhinebeck, NY 12572.



Bill Jeffway is the Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society and can be reached at bill.jeffway@dchsnny.org or 845-293-7711.

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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades rock with 5 wins in Delaware

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley has (for now) had its last look at George Lombard, as he was promoted to the Double-A Somerset Patriots this week. Though Lombard's time was fun while it lasted, other new and familiar faces are keeping the Renegades on a wicked tear. This week, the team left Wilmington with a .5 game South Atlantic League lead and impressive performances from first pitch to extra innings. After dropping the opener in a 4-3 walkoff, Hudson Valley took 5 of 6 games from the Blue Rocks in Delaware.

Roc the Parks - Fan favorite infielder Roc Riggio wasted no time in his return from injury, with eight RBI in five games, including a three-run home run into the Renegades' bullpen in Sunday's 9-1 blowout. The second baseman also sealed a fourth straight Renegades victory on May 10, with an RBI double to break a 10th inning deadlock. While Riggio's heroics are known in the Valley, fans quickly learned about third baseman Parks Harber. Harber, a former University of North Carolina Tar Heel, has made a resounding entrance. Not just because of his emphatic fly ball calling, either. Since April 29, Harber has hit .333/.396/.917, with 2 home runs and 9 runs batted in. He even had his own Saturday night heroics, following Riggio's clutch hit with a two-run double. He finished the 5-2 extra-inning win with 2 hits and 3 RBI.

Two-Out Rally - The Renegades were impressive with two outs this series, with 23 of 45 runs coming with two gone.

Four runs crossed home via Josh Moylan's patience at the plate, while Omar Martinez had a monster offensive performance (4-5, 5 RBI, 4 R) on May 7 as the Renegades scored all 12 runs with two outs. This week, 10 Renegades players produced two-out runs, with five coming from Martinez.

High (and Far) Five - Catcher and designated hitter Martinez came into this week with one home run under his belt, and left with five. Martinez launched four above the fences in the first three games, driving in a total of eight runs before the turn of the weekend. Coming into Sunday, Martinez hits a home run every 21 plate appearances and leads the team in long balls and runs batted in (20).

12-1 Odds - The Renegades' box score showed eerily similar numbers in back-to-back matchups on May 7 & 8. Both final scores were 12-1 in favor of the Renegades. Hudson Valley held Wilmington to just 2 hits, and in both games, the Blue Rocks' leadoff batter started the game with a hit and a run scored. Renegades starters Carlos Lagrange and Ben Hess each had nine strikeouts. And in a not-so-surprising twist, Brendan Jones stole a base in each game.

Starting Engines - Quality outings by Kyle Carr (0-1), Lagrange (3-1), and Hess (2-2) paved the way for a 2-1 Renegades series lead through the weekend. Each contributed over 5.0 innings, with Carr giving up two hits, and Lagrange and Hess each allowing one.



Carlos Lagrange, above, and Ben Hess each had nine strikeouts in games last week for the Renegades.

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Josh Grosz (2-1) offered 6.2 dazzling innings on May 9, fanning 9 batters and giving up one run in a win. With Bryce Cunningham (1.98) and Elmer Cruz-Rodriguez (1.97) each in the top 10 for the league's lowest ERA, the Renegades' starting rotation continues rolling.

The Renegades (23-9) return home this week to host the Aberdeen Ironbirds (13-20) for the first time this season. Headlining another full week of fun is the season's first Bobblehead Night on May 17, honoring Jace Avina's spectacular grab in '24. So, baseball fans, here's hoping for calm weather and clear skies ahead of this homestand.

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Hudson Valley NYY	23	9	.719	-	7-3	W5
Greensboro PIT	23	10	.697	0.5	8-2	W4
Brooklyn NYM	20	12	.625	3.0	5-5	L1
Aberdeen BAL	13	20	.394	10.5	4-6	W1
Jersey Shore PHI	12	19	.387	10.5	5-5	L1
Wilmington WSH	10	23	.303	13.5	3-7	L5
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Rome ATL	19	14	.576	-	6-4	W2
Bowling Green TB	18	15	.545	1.0	6-4	L1
Hub City TEX	17	16	.515	2.0	4-6	L4
Asheville HOU	15	18	.455	4.0	6-4	W1
Greenville BOS	14	19	.424	5.0	3-7	L2
Winston-Salem CWS	12	21	.364	7.0	3-7	W1



Home Schedule

May			
05/16/25	vs. Aberdeen	07:05 PM	Disco Night Fireworks Friday
05/17/25	vs. Aberdeen	05:05 PM	Open Mic Night Jace Avina Bobblehead Giveaway
05/18/25	vs. Aberdeen	02:05 PM	No Place Like Home Sunday Family Funday
05/27/25	vs. Wilmington	06:05 PM	Fast Food Night Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
05/28/25	vs. Wilmington	11:05 AM	Education Day Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
05/29/25	vs. Wilmington	06:05 PM	FRIENDS Night FRIENDS Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
05/30/25	vs. Wilmington	07:05 PM	Fireworks Friday Baseball (Rosie's Version)
05/31/25	vs. Wilmington	05:05 PM	The Malmö Oat Milkers: Did Someone Say Dynasty? Faith And Family Night Presented By The Paramount at Somers
June			
06/01/25	vs. Wilmington	02:05 PM	Copa De La Diversión: National Puerto Rican Day Sunday Family Funday
06/10/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Everyone's Birthday Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
06/11/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Pride Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
06/12/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Rise Of The Cider Donuts Cider Donuts Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
06/13/25	vs. Greenville	07:05 PM	Dino Night Fireworks Friday
06/14/25	vs. Greenville	05:05 PM	Renegades Dating Show Roc Riggio Bobblehead Giveaway Presented By S.M.A.R.T. Local 38
06/15/25	vs. Greenville	02:05 PM	Father's Day Sunday Family Funday



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Pitcher Carr shows significant improvement with Renegades



Kyle Carr’s name is etched in Renegades history. On July 19, 2024, Carr combined with bullpen talents of Hueston Morrill and Trent Sellers for the third no-hitter in Renegades history, and the first of two on the season.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

By Morgan E. Maier

On May 6, Kyle Carr pitched a no decision on his 23rd birthday, the latest in a series of firsts for the lefty’s young career. Though Carr (0-1) still seeks his first win in 2025, this start was undoubtedly his strongest of the young Hudson Valley Renegades season, allowing just three baserunners (2 hits, 1 walk) over 5.0 innings.

Carr has shown significant improvement in his command and confidence throwing in the zone over the first month of his sophomore campaign. He earned the 2025 Opening Day starter job, but the Renegades couldn’t produce a run to cancel Carr’s single earned run in the opening loss.

Now in his second year with the Yankees organization, Carr’s name is etched in Renegades history. On July 19, 2024, Carr combined with bullpen talents of Hueston Morrill and Trent Sellers for the third no-hitter in Renegades history, and the first of two on the season.

Before he was the Yankees’ third round draft pick in 2023, Carr was a one-and-done star for the Palomar College Comets. Carr earned a 12-1 record in his sole season at Palomar, with 111 strikeouts in 78.0 innings.

And while he never made a birthday

start in college, Carr had a stellar outing on the eve of his 21st, going 7.0 strong innings with 10 K’s in a shutout win on May 5, 2023. He led the California Community College Athletic Association (Southern California) in wins and strikeouts. Carr also got a taste of two-way player stardom, with a .500 batting average in 42 plate appearances.

A California native, Carr was recognized by the American Baseball Coaches Association as the best pitcher in the Pacific Association Division, a conference comprised of junior colleges across California and the Pacific Northwest. Palomar College swept those awards in 2023, as teammate Quincy Scott was named the best position player. Scott signed with the Texas Rangers and currently plays in the South Atlantic League on the inaugural team of the High-A Hub City Spartanburgers.

Carr was named the top junior college prospect of the 2023 draft class, and was subsequently selected by the Yankees as pick No. 97. Alongside Carr, the Yankees selected current Renegade Roc Riggio (129th pick) and the recently promoted George Lombard (26th pick), and all three have been instrumental in the Renegades success over the last two seasons.

REMEMBER THAT RENEGADE? Rookie sensation Ramirez dazzles with Miami Marlins



Reid Ryan from the 1994 Renegades is still involved in baseball, as the CEO of Ryan-Sanders Baseball Inc., with ownership of the Texas Rangers AAA affiliate, and the Astros-affiliated Corpus Christi Hooks.

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By Morgan E. Maier
Agustín Ramírez (2023)

“How could the Yankees let him go?” bemoan fans across New York Yankees social media. Now a member of the Miami Marlins, catcher Agustín Ramírez made his MLB debut on April 21. In his debut, Ramírez caught a 14-strikeout game, and further began 7 for his first 10 at the plate appearances. He is making his case as one of the league’s top catching prospects, hitting .283 with four home runs in just under three weeks. As Marlins media calls Ramírez their rookie sensation, the Yankees may remember him as the one that got away.

Note: The first baserunner Ramírez caught stealing was reigning National League MVP Shohei Ohtani.

Oswald Peraza, 3B (2021) - The last time the Yankees third baseman wore number 18 it was magical, Bro. Now Renegades alum Oswald Peraza has earned his roster spot as part of New York’s third base platoon, plus a few reps in the middle infield. Once a back-to-back

South Atlantic League Player of the Month, Peraza hit his first home run of the season on Opening Day. And even though Peraza’s bat cooled down a little in May, he will likely stay on as a utility man when “Renegade for a Day” DJ LeMahieu debuts from his offseason injury.

Reid Ryan, P (1994) - From the “Ryan Express” to the Round Rock Express, Reid Ryan’s baseball career was considerably less illustrious than that of his father, Nolan. In the inaugural Renegades summer of 1994, Reid put up a 5-5 record and 2.90 earned run average that earned him a promotion to the Texas Rangers’ Class-A team. While his playing career ended after 1995, Reid made a different move up the MLB ranks. He became the president of the Houston Astros in 2013, a tenure that ended in the wake of the team’s sign-stealing scandal of 2019. Reid is still involved in baseball, as the CEO of Ryan-Sanders Baseball Inc., with ownership of the Texas Rangers AAA affiliate, and the Astros-affiliated Corpus Christi Hooks.

Dutchess Roots blazes trail with Dutchess Community College scholarship

Led by locals with deep roots in the Town of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Roots will open this spring at 2615 South Road (Route 9) within South Road Crossing. Co-founders Lisa and Scott Sweeney aim to elevate customers’ experiences through approachable products, personalized services and comprehensive education — and as part of their commitment to the community, have partnered with the Dutchess Community College Foundation to establish the Dutchess Roots Entrepreneurial Scholarship.

Dutchess Roots’ annual \$5,000 contribution to the College will fund two \$1,000 grants each year, with an ultimate goal of building an endowment. The award, which aims to recognize the entrepreneurial spirit of students in the College’s Cannabis Retail Management program, will be gifted to Dutchess County-based students, enabling us to not only support economic growth in our backyard, but uplift the next generation of leaders in the cannabis industry.

“With Dutchess Roots, we’re planting something meaningful in our own backyard,” said Lisa Sweeney, who also serves as president of the woman-owned and woman-led dispensary. “Our intention is to not only to create an outstanding experience for our customers, but to grow meaningful roots right here in the Town of Poughkeepsie, where we live. We are committed to giving back and supporting our community whenever possible.”

Having an extensive background in hospitality and healthcare-related project management, Lisa Sweeney is uniquely positioned to lead the dispensary with a strong focus on fostering exceptional customer and employee experiences. She will co-lead with her husband, Scott Sweeney, chief operating officer, who brings complementary



Pictured from left are Diana Pollard, AVP of institutional advancement and executive director of the Dutchess Community College Foundation, Lisa Sweeney, co-founder and president of Dutchess Roots, and Scott Sweeney, co-founder and COO of Dutchess Roots.

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expertise and business acumen in sales and finance to their shared vision for Dutchess Roots.

According to Lisa Sweeney, whether you’re an experienced cannabis user or someone new to it and curious, Dutchess Roots will be there to offer a personalized experience. The dispensary will not just be about providing products; it will be dedicated to educating consumers every step of the way through on-site guidance and with partnerships like the one with Dutchess Community College.

More information on the Dutchess Roots Entrepreneurial Scholarship can be found at www.sunydutchess.edu/admissions/financial-aid/scholarships/ in the coming weeks. To stay up to date on Dutchess Roots, subscribe to its newsletter at www.dutchessroots.com and follow along on Facebook (@Dutchess Roots) and Instagram (@dutchess_roots).

Free ‘Tackling Ticks on the Big Screen’ returns May 21 at Overlook Drive-In

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month and to spread awareness and promote prevention methods, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) are once again hosting “Tackling Ticks on the Big Screen.”

This free, family-friendly night will include a screening of DreamWorks Animation’s “Wild Robot” on Wednesday, May 21 at the Overlook Drive-in Theater, 126 DeGarmo Road, Poughkeepsie. Gates will open at 6:30 p.m. with the movie beginning at sunset. Registration is required and is available online at dutchessny.gov/tickmovie.

This time of year means everyone is outside more, unfortunately that also means more exposure to ticks,” said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. “To protect our children and families, it’s important to remember easy ways to avoid Lyme Disease and other tick related illnesses. We encourage everyone to come out, learn a few tips on how to stay tick free and kick back to enjoy a great family-friendly movie.”

At the event, representatives from DCDOH will provide valuable tick information, discuss prevention techniques and share giveaways like tick removal kits and tick coloring books.

“For years, ticks and tick-borne diseases have been a significant public health concern in Dutchess County and throughout New York State with numerous tick species and diseases found in our area,” said Dutchess County Commissioner of Health Livia Santiago-Rosado. “This event is a great way to educate yourself on how to prevent tick bites and what to do if bitten, as these are key to avoiding tick borne diseases. We hope many will attend and take advantage of these valuable resources.”

Admission to the movie is free, and concessions will be available to purchase.

The Dutchess County Department of Health offers tick education year-round with frequent education opportunities available at their Mobile Health Unit events throughout the county. To learn more about these services as well as others the department offers visit dutchessny.gov/health.

Northwell Health completes merger with Nuvance Health

Northwell Health and Nuvance Health have announced that the two nonprofit health systems have officially joined together to form a new integrated regional health system that will enhance care for communities across greater New York and Connecticut, serving a population of more than 13 million.

The integrated system, with a combined \$22.6 billion operating budget, now encompasses over 104,000 employees, a diverse network of 22,000 nurses and 13,500 providers at 28 hospitals, more than 1,050 ambulatory care and 73 urgent care locations while tapping into the world-class expertise of the Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research, the visionary Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell and the Hofstra Northwell School of Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies.

“Today marks a commitment to the future of healthcare in the region. This partnership opens a new and exciting chapter for Northwell Health and Nuvance Health to take patient care and services to an even higher level,” said Michael Dowling, president and CEO of Northwell Health. “We already had similar missions in providing high-quality care for patients in the communities we serve, and we look forward to building on the world class care that Nuvance Health’s staff members and providers deliver every day. We’re excited to move forward, united in our vision to transform health care and build a healthier future for the residents of Connecticut and New York.”

The New York State Department of Health and Connecticut Office of Health Strategy, along with the attorneys general of each state, approved plans for the integrated health system, which received final clearance after the board of trustees from both organizations voted to move forward. As part of the agreement, Northwell will invest at least \$1 billion in Nuvance hospitals.

“At Nuvance Health, we have always been deeply committed to delivering high-quality, compassionate care to our communities,” said Dr. John M. Murphy, president and CEO of Nuvance Health. “Joining forces with Northwell Health strengthens our ability to meet the evolving needs of patients and ensures we can provide exceptional care for generations to come. This is a transformative moment for our patients, employees and the communities we serve.”

“This is an unprecedented opportunity to build a more integrated, regionally connected health system across New York and Connecticut,” said Margaret Crotty, chair of the Northwell Health Board of Trustees. “It is based on our aligned commitments to expanding access to excellent care, and to recruiting and retaining the best clinical talent. The Northwell board is confident this new partnership will bring great value to both organizations.”

Both Northwell Health and Nuvance Health reaffirm their commitments to the goals and objectives of the new integrated health system:

- Deliver extraordinary clinical care to



Dr. John M. Murphy, president and CEO of Nuvance Health, left, is pictured with Michael Dowling, president and CEO of Northwell Health.

-Courtesy photo

patients - With increased capacity to invest in medical advancements and innovation, the integrated system will better serve patients in their respective markets and communities. With Nuvance Health joining Northwell

Health, patients will have enhanced access to coordinated care in their local communities at more than 1,050 sites across Connecticut, New York City, Long Island and the Hudson Valley. The care delivered in these sites will span the full range of ambulatory, hospital and post-acute services.

- Create healthier communities - Combining Nuvance Health with the resources of Northwell Health will enable the organizations to meet the evolving, varied needs of local communities more quickly, more efficiently and more effectively. Together, both organizations can make significant improvements to health outcomes and address health disparities across the communities they serve. As nonprofit organizations, Northwell and Nuvance Health will also continue to provide care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay.

- Advance medical innovation - By joining Northwell Health, Nuvance Health will gain access to the clinical, operating and financial resources of one of the nation’s most comprehensive and integrated health systems. Combining clinical and technical capabilities and expertise from both organizations will help drive even greater innovation, enhanced care and services offerings. Building on each organization’s research, education and clinical care infrastructure, the combined entity will accelerate innovation in patient care and advance medical research that can help transform lives.

- Recruit top talent - An increased opportunity for Nuvance Health to attract and retain top talent, including medical, surgical and research specialists as well as nurses, allied health and business professionals. By coming together, medical staff and team members will have professional growth opportunities, new career opportunities and the chance to work with some of the best in the industry. This could include academic pathways for health professionals to acquire additional degrees and for new graduates to fill high-demand positions.

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4H'ers take part in public presentations, Skillathon

This spring, Dutchess County 4-H youth have been preparing for several regional events, including District Public Presentations and the Regional Livestock Skillathon and Judging Contest.

Thirteen Dutchess County 4-H members participated in the District 4-H Public Presentation event held April 26 at Dutchess Community College, Fishkill. Youth had to qualify for this contest by earning a purple ribbon at county 4-H public presentation event earlier in the year. Members presented in front of two trained evaluators who provided written and oral feedback to each member. Dutchess County 4-H members and their presentations were scored as follows:

- Tabitha Canning – How to Make a Clay Mouse – Blue ribbon
- Riley Mahaffey – Building the Ultimate Cattle Herd – Blue ribbon
- Kieran Orellana – The Edmund Fitzgerald: Pride of the American Side – Blue ribbon
- Lily White – Sour Cream Cake – Blue ribbon
- Cole DeMuth – My Trip to San Diego – Red ribbon
- Grace Johnson – Crash Course in Film – Blue ribbon
- Kelsey Marra – Sourdough English Muffins – Red ribbon
- Adele McKenna – DIY Skincare – Blue ribbon
- Armen Platyan – Chess History & How To – Blue ribbon
- Asher Platyan – Soccer Conditioning – Blue ribbon
- Margot LaPorte – Red – Blue ribbon
- Julia Raskopf – Lizzie Borden – Purple ribbon
- Clara Sundlof – A Guide to Crochet - Blue ribbon

On Sunday April 27, 4-H members from the southeast and capital regions traveled to SUNY Cobleskill for the Regional Skillathon & Livestock Judging Contests. Livestock skillathon is a contest where individuals take written tests

to assess their knowledge of livestock species. These tests are typically arranged in stations for each topic, which may include care, breeding, equipment ID, feed ID, breed ID, and more. Each 4-H member is placed individually per age division. Comparatively, livestock judging contests are typically team contests. Each 4-H member on a judging team will evaluate a class of livestock of similar ages, breeds or types, and assign those four animals placements based on how well they meet the breed or market standard. Three Dutchess County 4-H members attended this contest and placed as follows:

Livestock Judging – Senior Division:

- Dutchess County team: 2nd place
- Vivien Padoleski – 4th place
- Mackenzie Phillips – 6th place
- Addison Stapf – 9th place

Livestock Skillathon – Senior Division:

- Mackenzie Phillips – 13th overall
- Addison Stapf – 16th overall
- Vivien Padoleski – 18th overall
- Dutchess County team: 6th overall



Cole DeMuth gives an illustrated talk entitled "My Trip to San Diego" at DCC Fishkill during the public speaking competition. Courtesy photo

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Obituaries

Christine Hajba



Christine (Antonio) Hajba of Poughkeepsie, passed away on May 3, 2025 in White Plains. She was 61 years old.
Born in Beacon to Alberta and Joseph Antonio Sr., she graduated from Beacon High School and went on to work in retail. She met her future husband, coworker Jozef Hajba, at Service Merchandise and they wed in 1990. Christine loved being a homemaker and raising their children at their home in Stone Ridge, where she enjoyed gardening and caring for her flock of chickens. She loved living in the country and being outdoors. Recently she worked at Goodwill and made many close friends there that she considered family. She was so proud of her children and made sure they knew it. She was strong, loving, fun, and hard working. Her family will miss her humor, laugh, compliments, and hugs.

Christine is survived by son, Adam Hajba; daughter, Ashley (Hajba) Finnigan and her husband, Andrew; stepson, Shane Hajba and his daughter, Lauren ; sister, Annette Antonio; brother, Joseph Antonio Jr. and his wife, Sue; aunt, Janet Dyson and her husband, Robert; and nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents, Alberta Antonio and Joseph Antonio Sr., and her husband, Jozef Hajba.
As per her wishes, there will be no formal services and family will gather privately to celebrate her life.
Please consider making a donation in Christine’s name to the Alzheimer’s Association.
To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.
Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Sylvia L. Jones



Sylvia L. Jones, a resident of Poughkeepsie and formerly of Beacon, entered into rest on April 27, 2025. She was 86 years old.
Sylvia was born on July 9, 1938 in Beacon, the daughter of the late Cabey Galloway, Sr. and Golden Galloway. She married James Jones who predeceased her. Sylvia was an avid caretaker who worked in nursing throughout her life. She was a member of the Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church. Her family will fondly remember her as the family cook and they will all miss her mac-n-cheese and sausage and peppers.
Left to cherish her memory are her

daughters, Alesha Jones and Julia Jones; her sister Margaret Jones and brother-in-law, Robert Jones; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.
She was also predeceased by her daughter, Jacqueline Jones; her grandson, Shamel Price; her sisters, June Fleming and Joan Whitener; her brothers, Cabey Galloway, Jr., Johnny Galloway (3 years old) and Irving Jones.
A graveside service was held on Friday, May 9 at Fairview Cemetery, 375 Washington Avenue, Beacon.
To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.
Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Barbara Pauline Joyce



Barbara Pauline Joyce, a resident of Fishkill, NY since 1967, formerly of Yonkers and Brooklyn, passed away on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY. She was 80.
Daughter of the late Robert Vincent and Edith (Walker) Dinsdale, she was born in Brooklyn on October 29, 1944. She was an active parishioner of St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill and worked as manager, auditor, and bookkeeper in Dutchess County, retiring in 2006. An avid reader, Barbara's other hobbies included jigsaw puzzles, memory games, and crocheting.
On October 19, 1963, she married John P. Joyce, Sr. in Yonkers. John sur-

vives at home in Fishkill.
Additional survivors include her daughter, Doreen Joyce of Wallkill, NY; her son, Dean Joyce (Johanna Fuertes) of Glendale, AZ; her daughter, Denise Jazzo (Marcus Miree) of Jacksonville, FL; her son, John P. Joyce, Jr. (Carmelina Joyce) of Cookeville, TN; her grandson, John P. Joyce, III of Beacon, NY; her granddaughter, Amber Lynn Ilker (Jake Rand) of Poughkeepsie, NY; her niece, Diane Hammond (Richard Hammond) of Rifton, NY; as well as four step-grandchildren, eight step-great-grandchildren; and many other loving relatives.
Calling hours were held on Saturday, May 10 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday, May 12 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY.
In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, 636 Morris Turnpike, Suite 3A, Short Hills, NJ 07078 (www.christopherreeve.org) or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741 (www.cancer.org).
For online tributes, visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Kathleen Keenan



Kathleen Keenan, 86, passed away Saturday, May 3, 2025.
Born on September 5, 1938 in Cornwall, she was the daughter of David and Ethel (Twilliger) Babcock. Predeceased by her parents and 12 siblings. Most notably her sister and lifelong best friend, Joan Schnetzler.
She attended school in Cold Spring and then resided in Beacon in her adult life. She retired after 25 plus years, to enjoy her children and grandchildren,
Survived by her 4 children, Denise (Keenan) O’Herron of Greenfield Center, NY, William Keenan of Albany NY, Thomas Keenan (Dawn) of New Mexico and Kathleen (Keenan) Lombardo (Scott) of Hopewell Junction, NY. Her grandchildren, Siobhan (O’Herron) Dahl (David), Kasey O’Herron, Shannon (O’Herron)

Ladd (Dan), Joseph Keenan (Nicky), Brittney (Keenan) Mahoney (Brian), Nicole (Lombardo) Laino (Nick), Gina (Lombardo) McMorris (Collin), Leigh Pavone and Anthony Pavone; her great grandchildren, Colt Laino, Cash Mahoney and Stanton, MC Morris, Keely Dahl, Kenzie Dahl and Kendra LeClair. Along with Kimberly and Kevin Lennon and their beloved daughter, Autumn Rose.
She will be remembered as a devoted and loving mother who always supported her children in their life choices. Gardening gave her great pleasure. Especially her beautiful Roses.
Family.... She and Aunt Joan, left us that legacy.
Family and friends gathered on Thursday, May 8 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held at the funeral home.
To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.
Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

John Frank Aiello



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of John Frank Aiello, of Pompano Beach, FL, and previous long-time resident of Wappingers Falls, NY, on May 9, 2025 at the age of 93. John is survived by his, sons Joseph Aiello (Nancy) and Anthony Aiello (John), and daughter Lisa Aiello Nafe (Ben). His spirit continues through his grandchildren Christina, Jennifer, Lucas, Ann Marie and great granddaughter Maddie. He is survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews whom he loved so deeply. John was born to the late Joseph B. and Antonietta (Iannini) Aiello on January 19, 1932 in Poughkeepsie, NY. As a Veteran he proudly served in the U.S. Military. He worked at Western Printing for 30 years, along with various positions until his retirement. John was a cherished member of our family, known for his unwavering

love and devotion to those closest to him. His happiest moments were spent surrounded by family, where his joy and warmth were felt by all. He found great joy in traveling to visit family and friends, cherishing every opportunity to connect with loved ones near and far. He also had a deep passion for preserving his family’s legacy, dedicating time and care to researching and compiling the rich history of those who came before him.
John was the kindest person, always greeting everyone with the biggest smile right up until his passing. His generosity and compassion touched the lives of many, leaving a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him.
Dad lived his life as a beacon of hope, always finding the silver lining no matter how dark the clouds. His smile came easily, and so did his laughter— warm, genuine, and often contagious. He approached each day with an open heart and an unshakeable belief that something good was always just around the corner. To him, challenges were simply opportunities in disguise, and mistakes were stepping stones to growth.
His positivity was powerful. It shaped how he loved, how he worked, and how he taught us to see the world. He taught us to rise after we fall, to find joy in small things, and to treat every person with kindness and respect. Whether it was offering a word of encouragement, lending a helping hand, or simply listening with his full attention. Dad made people feel seen, valued, and loved.
From him, we learned that true strength lies in grace, that every person is worthy of compassion, and that a grateful heart can weather any storm. His legacy is not only in the stories we tell or the memories we hold dear, but in the way we now strive to live — with hope, courage, and love.
Though our hearts ache with his absence, we are comforted by the light he left behind. In every sunrise, every kind gesture, and every moment we choose optimism over fear, he lives on.
We will miss him deeply, remember him always, and carry forward his spirit — bright, joyful, and endlessly loving.
Rest well, Dad. You were our greatest teacher, our steady guide, and our best cheerleader. Thank you for showing us how to live a life full of kindness, strength, and love. You will forever inspire us.
Visitation at the Delehanty Funeral Home, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY Wed. 4 – 8 PM. Funeral mass Thurs. at St. Mary’s Church in Wappingers Falls. Entombment at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

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Bannerman Castle opens another season



Tours to Bannerman Island, in the Hudson River, are now available. Numerous events are also planned on the Island during the next months.

A pontoon boat delivers visitors to Bannerman Island.

-Courtesy photos BCT

By Morgan E. Maier

Another season filled with summer day trips and night-time entertainment is on tap - and it's on an island in the Hudson River. Bannerman Castle Trust (BCT) continues to bring life to the Hudson Highlands State Park attraction at Bannerman Island, offering an incredible view of the Hudson River, plus a natural tour of the property where Francis "Frank" Bannerman VI's construction began in 1901.

Keep an eye out for turtles sunbathing as the ferry disembarks from Beacon to the island. It is a nautical ride to remember, so long as passenger hats don't stray overboard along the 20-30 minute ride. The experienced captains of the Bannerman ferry will keep you intrigued with stories of the not-so-high waters of the Hudson, the shallow east bay that the ferry rides along.

The tower of Bannerman Island, part of the original arsenal (the "castle"), collapsed last year but was reinforced through the work of BCT volunteers. Further, a stabilization study will be performed of the arsenal, from a New York State Environmental Protection Fund grant. "They are going to point us in the right direction so that we know what the scope of the work is, and what the progression will be," said BCT Executive Director Neil Caplan.

Aric Morgan and team have worked to restore the interior dining room and fireplace of the original Bannerman house, a study in woodworking and masonry that extends outside the building to benches and more. Inside sits a historic preservation that not only encapsulates visitors but puts them in the shoes of past Bannerman visitors and inhabitants, 19th century to

now. Other dedicated volunteers will give not only tours, but a history of Bannerman and the island's history that can't be explained by pictures, or by seeing alone.

At the top of Bannerman's 2025 entertainment bill is the September 23-28 run of "Dracula: The Journal of Jonathan Harker," directed by Christian Conn and starring television and Broadway actor Duane Bouteé. An adaptation of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" waits too on the horizon, running from Sept. 11-13. The island's outdoor stage offers plenty of space for productions, concerts, live music, and an opportunity for a daylong getaway without the travel. And the upcoming farm-to-table dinner on September 7th features the culinary artistry of Noah Sheetz, with a five-course meal and tour combination that benefits Bannerman Trust, Inc.

Tours of Bannerman Island are not currently ADA accessible. Seventy-two steps up from the Bannerman dock lay the historic trail and event space where guides and volunteers give not just information, but life to the island. The gardens at Bannerman are celebrating 20 years in action, offering a monarch butterfly sanctuary and floral tributes to friends who have passed on. This summer will also see the first installment of an art installation, a series of sculptured butterflies to remind all visitors that humans thrive on sharing experiences, like the ones Bannerman Island offers to all setting foot on her docks.

For those who have only seen Bannerman through the window of a Metro-North train, now's the time to see the island in person. Neither pictures nor pamphlets do justice to this Hudson Valley landmark.

For more information, visit <https://bannermancastle.org>.

Cheers to 50 Years! AHS Class of 1975 sets reunion

The Arlington High School Class of 1975 will be holding its 50th Class Reunion on Saturday, May 31 from 3-8 p.m. at the Pirate Canoe Club in Poughkeepsie.

The event will feature appetizers, cash bar, a buffet dinner, light desserts and the local band "Jumpstart." The cost is \$50 per person.

Interested individuals should send checks to Debbie Shipley, 1556 Salt Point Turnpike, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 or Mary Albrecht, P.O. Box 1619, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569, or Venmo@Mary-Albrecht-12.

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by francine wizner



Poppies are potent posies

When my father brought pizza home from Bruno’s, an eatery in the Catskill Mountain Town of Hunter during my youth, an odd cohabitant rested inside the box, beside the Neapolitan classic. With the pizza, there was always a small, red, crepe-paper flower. My mother may have told me it was a poppy.

I still don’t know why they accompanied Bruno’s pizzas. Maybe he was an American Legionnaire. He could have been a veteran himself or simply supported veterans’ causes. I was in elementary school and had never set foot inside of Bruno’s, nor met the man. But my father occasionally brought home a pie, so opening the box and finding the crimson bloom may be the genesis of my life-long interest in the crinkly-petalled beauties.

The Common Poppies’ association with Veterans and Memorial Days originates from their mention in a poem written to mourn the loss of fallen soldiers. The wildflowers can lie dormant for up to 80 years and germinate in disturbed soil, such as when they grew prolifically in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium, particularly in the region of Flanders, after World War I.

Although Common Poppies are familiar because of their association with those days of remembrance, *Papaver rhoeas* is just one of the 70 to 100 species of the *Papaver* genus. Another noteworthy flower is *Papaver somniferum*, which may be called the breadseed poppy. It is

those plants’ seeds that adorn some bagels and rolls in the US, as well are featured as a ground sweetened paste in European foods such as makovník (a pastry roll), mákos tézsta (a sweet noodle dish), and hamantashen (triangular cookies eaten during Purim, a Jewish festival that celebrates triumph over adversity).

Not all poppies are common

That same poppy plant, *Papaver somniferum*, whose seeds provide a nutty crunch to your bagel, also produces a complex liquid (latex) which consists of substances that produce analgesic, hypnotic, antitussive, gastrointestinal, and cognitive effects. Opium is produced from the dried latex that is extracted from the unripened seed pods of *Papaver s.*, also called the Opium Poppy. Morphine, codeine, heroin, and oxycodone are all produced from opium.

Those narcotics are used therapeutically to treat pain, suppress cough, alleviate diarrhea, and induce anesthesia. However, they are some of the most addictive substances known to man. As misused drugs, they may be smoked, sniffed, or injected.

Opium is produced by scratching the plant’s immature seed pods to release the latex, which dries into a sticky residue. The residue is then scraped off and dehydrated.

Food and decoration

Live plants and seeds of the Opium/Bread Poppy are widely sold by



Poppy seeds are a traditional filling in hamantash, above, and, of course, a popular topping for rolls and bagels, right.

-Photos by Francine Wizner



Poppy in a Pizza Box, the way the author remembers it from childhood.

-Re-created with AI by Francine Wizner

seed companies and nurseries in most of the western world, including the United States. Poppy seed pods are also sold for dried flower arrangements. Though the Opium Poppy and poppy straw (the dried stalks, stem, and leaves) of the plants are controlled substances in the U.S., *P. somniferum* can be legally grown as a seed crop or ornamental flower. That’s good news if you enjoy poppy seeds on cake and rolls, or in your garden. The consumption of foods with poppy seeds isn’t intoxicating, but it can result in positive drug test results for opiates.

Poppy parallels

All poppies in the *Papaver* genus do contain some narcotic compounds, albeit at lower concentrations than *P. somniferum*. Both *Papaver r.* and *Papaver s.* are annuals, but they may self-sow and maintain

their presence in the garden. Even better, Oriental Poppies (*Papaver orientale*) are perennials, so planting them will ensure that the blooms return. And, perhaps because they are all such potent posies, deer don’t typically snack on them.

Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates science-themed instructional materials and books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County.

Find her at <https://medium.com/@wiznerf>, <https://substack.com/@gkatzchronicle>, and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com/>.

Fishkill Recreation

By Lauren McMenamin
Assistant Recreation Director

First Aid & CPR Course: Come get trained in First Aid & CPR on Saturday, June 14. The course is open to ages 16+. Limited seats available. Register today!

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Germania of Poughkeepsie to sponsor Maifest on May 16-18



Germania of Poughkeepsie will sponsor its annual festive and authentic Maifest from May 16-18 in Poughkeepsie. Pictured are dancers and performers during a previous year's event.

-Courtesy photos Germania of Poughkeepsie



Germania of Poughkeepsie is sponsoring a fun, festive and authentic Maifest from May 16-18. The event features live German bands, German food, German Bier, home baked German desserts, children's entertainment, Bavarian folk dancers, and singers. Adult entry ticket \$5 daily, \$4 Veterans and Active Military with valid ID, children under 16 with parents, no charge (only service animals with valid ID please). The event will be held rain or shine or under tents. There is free parking.

Germania of Poughkeepsie, founded 1850, is a benevolent, 501c3 nonprofit organization committed to the education of German heritage and culture. Germania hosts various authentic cultural events throughout the year including an annual Maifest, Oktoberfest, Christkindlmarkt, Heritage Day Bake Sale, Biergartens, authentic German dinners, Stammtisch, and other events.

Over the past 175 years, Germania has hosted educational programs in music, sport, dance, and citizenship. Germania sponsors numerous "Sister Clubs" who also promote many educational and authentic cultural events. These include the Germania Singers, Germania Almrausch Schuhplattler Verein, Steuben Society of

America Dr. Charles Gilbert Spross Unit #167, and the Germania Blue & White Soccer Club. Germania also sponsors German Language Classes, Ballroom Dancing Classes, and a Volkssport Club. Throughout the year Germania holds clothing, food, toy drives, as well as grants annual scholarships to BOCES CTI Culinary program graduates. Since the pandemic, Germania has donated over seven hundred German Take Out Dinners to area First Responders.

Germania supports the community by procuring goods and services through locally owned Hudson Valley businesses. The organization remains a 100% volunteer, private club, and is actively looking to increase membership, along with Club Sponsorship and Event Vendors. Membership is open to individuals of all faiths and backgrounds.

Hours are Friday, May 16 from 5-10 p.m.; Saturday, May 17 from 1-10 p.m. and Sunday, May 18 from noon to 5 p.m.

Please visit GermaniaFacebook, for details.

Contact Germania directly for further information, president@germaniaPok.com or call 845-471-0609.

Imani Winds performance set for May 18 in Beacon

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THE CABO PROJECT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/06/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process

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against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Richie Cabo, 497 Route 9D, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Primrose Property Ventures LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/18/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, PO Box 785, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

JML PROPERTIES WILBUR LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/18/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 94 Shagbark Ln., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

U L S T E R ONCOLOGY PLLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/8/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 106 Keith Dr., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: To practice Medicine.

Notice of Formation of VG4TJ, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/10/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

BIG IRON WELDING, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/1/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 36 Patricia Ln., Hyde Park, NY 12538, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Qualification of C2G INSURANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of

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NY (SSNY) on 04/04/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 03/12/24. Princ. office and FL addr. of LLC: 2301 NW 87th Ave., Ste. 403, Doral, FL 33172. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, RA Gray Bldg., 500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250. Purpose: Sell health insurance.

Notice of formation of PHILOZOI LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/04/25. Office in Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 10 W HUNNS LAKE RD STANFORDVILLE, NY, 12581. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Kitty Pilgrim Media LLC. Filed with SSNY on April 15, 2025. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 144 Rhinecliff, NY 12574. Purpose: any lawful

Humidor on 82, LLC Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/1/25. Office located in Dutchess Co. SSNY designated agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: United States Corporation Agents Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

WRBA Properties LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/13/25. Office: Dutchess County. Registered Agent Inc. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Registered Agents Inc. at 105 Hurley Rd, Salt Point, NY 12578. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Ward's Tree Farm LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/9/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 462 Traver Rd, Pleasant

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Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Qualification of INTERLAKE RV PARK, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/15/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 04/19/21. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 5005 Holly St., Bellaire, TX 77401. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of PasMar LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/15/25. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 92-96 S. Hampton St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Pasquale J. Conte, Jr., 92 McCouns Ln., Glen Head, NY 11545. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Lisa A. Maffucci, D.C., PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 3-22-2002. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Lisa A. Maffucci, D.C., PLLC 102 W Market St., Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Beauty for the Homebound, LLC, Arts of Org. Filed with the NY Dept of State on 12/16/24. Office location Dutchess Cty NY. Designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and shall mail process to 6112 Cherry Hill Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 - Purpose: any lawful activity

NOSELF LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/08/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Mae Ryan, 111 Fraleigh Lane, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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of OAKT MANAGEMENT LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/16/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 09/30/16. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. NJ addr. of LLC: Princeton South Corporate Ctr., Ste. 160, 100 Charles Ewing Blvd., Ewing, NJ 08628. Cert. of Form. filed with State Treasurer, 33 W. State St., Fifth Fl., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Nuvatech Innovations, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 4/7/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is CT Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.

ProCal ADAS LLC. Filed with SSNY on 04/07/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 300 Ketchamtown Rd Apt C12 Wappingers Falls NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of Form. of ILLUMINATED FOODSTUFFS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/16/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 29 HUDSON HARBOUR DR, APT E, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Retroject LLC, Art. of Org. filed w/Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 01/08/2024. Office location: Dutchess Co., NY.; SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process c/o the Company, 778 MARCY AVE, 4A, BROOKLYN, NY, 11216. Purpose: any lawful activity.

A&A PROPERTY ASSOCIATES, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State

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(SSNY) 11/26/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 43 Fallkill Rd Hyde Park NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

BORYK HOLDINGS LLC. Filed 3/20/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Ryan J. Boryk, 29 E Meadowbrook Ln, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: General.

FIBER SAUCER, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/23/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Jason McEwan, 21 Patricia Dr., Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Clinton Vines and Branches, LLC. Filed with SSNY on February 5, 2025. Office: Dutchess. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 173 Fiddlers Bridge Road, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: any lawful.

Notice of Formation of 2BearArms, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/18/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 2BearArms, 42 Martin Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

200 PELL'S LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/29/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 200 Pells Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

J.M. KELVIN ARCHITECT, PLLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/18/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The PLLC, 48 Nathan Pierce Ct, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Architecture.

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Home Inspection LLC. Filed with SSNY on 04/17/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 20 W Main Street, Suite 4, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of The Creative Zu, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/19/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The Creative Zu, LLC, 146 Guski Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

SEM SERVICE & REPAIR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/25/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 67 Scout Road, Salt Point, NY 12578. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

JFK SECURITY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/24/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 18 Dutchess Terrace, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

2008 CHERRY HILL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/23/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 11 Stayman Ct, Manalapan, NJ 07726. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 3974 Route 9G LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/7/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 418 Broadway, STE R, Albany, NY, 12207, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEWYORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

Index No.: 2024-54809 Date Summons Filed: day of 10/17/2024

SUMMONS LISA DOCKSTADER, Plaintiff, -against- SCOTT DOCKSTADER, Defendant.

This action is brought in the County of DUTCHESS because said County is the County where the Wife and children reside.

ACTION FOR A DIVORCE

To the above named Defendant YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon the Plaintiff's Attorney an answer to the complaint in this action twenty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below.

Simultaneously upon the service of the summons, the plaintiff shall serve upon the defendant a copy of the automatic restraining orders set forth in paragraph (b), which binds both parties during the pendency of the action unless modified by the parties in writing or by the court. (The plaintiff is bound by the automatic order upon the filing of the summons, and the defendant is bound upon the service of the summons.)

The automatic restraining order language is as follows:

(1) Neither party shall sell, transfer, encumber, conceal, assign, remove or in any way dispose of, without the consent of the other party in writing, or by order of the court, any property (including, but not limited to, real estate, personal property, cash accounts, stocks, mutual funds, bank accounts, cars and boats) individually or jointly held by the parties, except in the usual course of business, for customary and usual household expenses or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action.

(2) Neither party shall transfer,

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encumber, assign, remove, withdraw or in any way dispose of any tax deferred funds, stocks or other assets held in any individual retirement accounts, 401K accounts, profit sharing plans, Keough accounts, or any other pension or retirement account, and the parties shall further refrain from appealing for or requesting the payment of retirement benefits or annuity payment of any kind, without the consent of the other party in writing, or upon further order of the court.

(3) Neither party shall incur unreasonable debts hereafter, including but not limited to further borrowing against any credit line secured by the family residence, further encumbering any assets, or unreasonably using credit cards or cash advances against credit cards, except the usual course of business or for customary or usual household expenses, or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action.

(4) Neither party shall cause the other party of the children of the marriage to be removed from any existing medical, hospital, and dental insurance coverage, and each party shall maintain the existing medical hospital and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect.

(5) Neither party shall change the beneficiaries of an existing life insurance policies, and each party shall maintain the existing life insurance, automobile insurance, homeowners and renters insurance policies in full force and effect.

NOTICE CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

(Required by section 255(1) of the Domestic Relations Law) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that once a Judgment is signed in this action, both you and your spouse may or may not continue to be eligible for coverage under each other's health insurance plan, depending on the terms of the plan.

Dated: Red Hook, New York, 10/17/2024 ANN M. WEAVER Office and Post Office Address 7466 South Broadway Red Hook, New York 12571 (845) 758-4400 annweaverlaw@yahoo.com

Notice of Guideline

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Maintenance If your divorce was commenced on or after January 25, 2016, this Notice is required to be given to you by the Supreme Court of the county where your divorce was filed to comply with the Maintenance Guidelines Law ([S. 5678/A. 7645], Chapter 269, Laws of 2015) because you may not have counsel in this action to advise you. It does not mean that your spouse (the person you are married to) is seeking or offering an award of "Maintenance" in this action. "Maintenance" means the amount to be paid to the other spouse for support after the divorce is final.

You are hereby given notice that under the Maintenance Guidelines Law (Chapter 269, Laws of 2015), there is an obligation to award the guideline amount of maintenance on income up to \$203,000 to be paid by the party with the higher income (the maintenance payor) to the party with the lower income (the maintenance payee) according to a formula, unless the parties agree otherwise or waive this right. Depending on the incomes of the parties, the obligation might fall on either the Plaintiff or Defendant in the action.

There are two formulas to determine the amount of the obligation. If you and your spouse have no children, the higher formula will apply. If there are children of the marriage, the lower formula will apply, but only if the maintenance payor is paying child support to the other spouse who has the children as the custodial parent. Otherwise the higher formula will apply.

Lower Formula 1-Multiply Maintenance Payor's Income by 20% . 2- Multiply Maintenance Payee's Income by 25% . Subtract Line 2 from Line 1 = Result 1 Subtract Maintenance Payee's Income from 40 % of Combined Income* = Result 2. Enter the lower of Result 2 or Result 1, but if less than or equal to zero, enter zero. THIS IS THE CALCULATED GUIDELINE AMOUNT OF MAINTENANCE WITH THE LOWER FORMULA

Higher Formula 1-Multiply Maintenance Payor's Income by 30% 2- Multiply Maintenance Payee's Income by 20% Subtract Line 2 from

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Line 1= Result 1 Subtract Maintenance Payee's Income from 40 % of Combined Income*= Result 2 Enter the lower of Result 2 or Result 1, but if less than or equal to zero, enter zero THIS IS THE CALCULATED GUIDELINE AMOUNT OF MAINTENANCE WITH THE HIGHER FORMULA *Combined Income equals Maintenance Payor's Income up to \$203,000 plus Maintenance Payee's Income Note: The Court will determine how long maintenance will be paid in accordance with the statute. (Rev. 3/1/22)

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEWYORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

VERIFIED COMPLAINT Index No.: 2024-LISA

LISA DOCKSTADER, Plaintiff, -against-

SCOTT DOCKSTADER, Defendant.

STATE OF NEW YORK) ss. COUNTY OF

DUTCHESS) Plaintiff, LISA DOCKSTADER, by her attorney, ANN M. WEAVER, ESQ., complaining of the Defendant, SCOTT DOCKSTADER, alleges as follows:

1. Plaintiff herein LISA DOCKSTADER, complaining of the Defendant, alleges that the parties are over the age of 18 years and;

2. The Plaintiff has resided in New York State for a continuous period of at least two years immediately preceding the commencement of this divorce action.

3. The Plaintiff and the Defendant were duly married on July 2, 1994, in Red Hook, New York. The marriage was performed by a clergyman, minister or by a leader of the Society for Ethical Culture. To the best of my knowledge I have taken all steps solely within my power to remove any barrier to the Defendant's remarriage.

4. There are two unmarried children born of this marriage to wit and no others are expected: Caroline Dockstader dob 11/4/2004 and Maggie Dockstader dob 10/11/2007.

5. At all times hereinafter mentioned, the Plaintiff was and still is a resident of the State of New York residing in

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Dutchess County. The Defendant resides at 71 East Main St., Wappingers Falls NY 12590.

6. The grounds for divorce are DRL 170(7) Irreconcilable Differences, Irretrievable Breakdown of Relationship between parties to this action. The relationship between Plaintiff and Defendant has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six (6) months to the extent that Plaintiff cannot continue in this marriage.

7. There is no judgment in any court for divorce in favor of either party and against the other and no other matrimonial action for divorce between the parties is pending in any court of competent jurisdiction.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant as follows:

a) Granting to the Plaintiff a Judgment of Absolute Divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony between the Plaintiff and the Defendant;

b) Declaring that certain personal property acquired by the Plaintiff be declared to be the Plaintiff's separate property;

c) Granting to the Plaintiff a suitable distributive award and equitable distribution;

d) Declaring the items of personal property, in the form of furniture, automobiles, and other goods and chattels, purchased during the marriage, be marital property, subject to equitable distribution;

e) Declaring the sum of money acquired and accumulated during the marriage of the parties, jointly or individually, to be declared marital property, subject to equitable distribution;

f) Directing the defendant to assign his or her interest in any policies of life insurance to the plaintiff or, in the alternative, to maintain said policies during the support period with the plaintiff as irrevocable primary beneficiary;

g) Declaring certain pension plans and/or retirement plans and the monies paid into said plans, as marital and property, subject to equitable distribution;

h) Equitable distribution of marital items;

i) Attorney fees;

j) Maintenance;

k) Custody;

l) Child Support;

m) Granting such other and further relief as Court deems just and proper.

Dated: 10/17/2024

Ann M. Weaver, Esq. 7466 South

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Broadway Red Hook, New York 12571 (845) 758-4400 annweaverlaw@yahoo.com

Verification State of New York) County of Dutchess) ss

LISA DOCKSTADER, having been duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am the Plaintiff in the within action for a divorce. I have read the foregoing complaint and know the contents thereof. The contents are true to my own knowledge except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

LISA DOCKSTADER Sworn to before me on Date: 10/16/2024

Notary Public SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEWYORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

AFFIDAVIT DRL 170(7) Index No.: 2024-54809

LISA DOCKSTADER, Plaintiff, -against-

SCOTT DOCKSTADER, Defendant,

STATE OF NEW YORK) OF DUTCHESS) SS.

LISA DOCKSTADER, being duly sworn deposes and says: I am the PLAINTIFF herein. I represent to the court that the relationship between the parties has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six (6) months. This affidavit is submitted in order to provide the court with compliance with Domestic Relations Law Section 170(7).

LISA DOCKSTADER Sworn to before me this 16th day of, October, 2024.

Notary Public Expires

ATTORNEY CERTIFICATION I, Ann M. Weaver, Esq., hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, and, as an officer of the Court, that I have no knowledge that the substance of any of the factual submissions contained in this document is false. This Certification is based solely and exclusively upon information provided by the client, and upon the client's certification to the undersigned attorney that such information is not

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false, and is based upon any review, audit, examination, inquiry, or investigation made by the undersigned attorney or by anyone acting on behalf of said attorney.

P L E A S E TAKE NOTICE that this Certification is made by the attorney as an Officer of the Court, and is directing solely and exclusively to the Court in accordance with 22 NYCRR 202.16(e) and is not directed or extended to the opposing party herein.

P L E A S E TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the opposing party may not and should not rely upon the Attorney Certification in assessing the truth or validity of the information contained in the annexed document. The credibility of this submission is not greater than the credibility of the client represented by the undersigned attorney and the opposing party should give this document no greater credence merely because it bears this Attorney Certification. Dated: Red Hook 10/17/2024

ANN M. WEAVER, ESQ. 7466 South Broadway Red Hook, NY 12571 (845) 758-4400

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess at a meeting held on April 14, 2025, adopted a local law entitled:

LOCAL LAW 2 of 2025, A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS OF DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TAXES

The intent of this Local Law is to provide for installment payments on eligible delinquent real property taxes.

A copy of the local law is available at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature where it may be inspected during regular office hours.

LEIGH WAGER Clerk Dutchess County Legislature Dated: May 5, 2025

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING, ANNUAL ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, BUDGET VOTE AND REGISTRATION OF VOTERS WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual budget hearing will be held for the residents of the Wappingers Central School District on Monday, May 12, 2025 at Roy C. Ketcham High School, 99 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls, New York at 5:00 p.m. for the 2025-2026 school district budget.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that applications for early mail ballots and absentee ballots for the School District Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk, 25 Corporate Park Drive, P.O. Box 396, Hopewell Junction, New York or on the district's website (www.wappingersschools.org), and must be submitted to the Office of the District Clerk no earlier than April 21, 2025, and at least seven (7) days prior to the election, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election, if the ballot will be picked up personally by the voter or their designated agent. Qualified military voters may request a military absentee ballot application from the District Clerk between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and may indicate their preference to receive a military absentee ballot application via mail, facsimile, or electronic mail. Absentee ballots for military voters shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Section 2018-d of the Education Law and Part 122 of the Commissioner's Regulations. Early mail ballots and absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. prevailing time, on May 20, 2025. A list of all persons to whom early mail ballots and absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection in the Office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day set for the School District Election and Vote, weekdays, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 17, 2025, by appointment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a vote upon the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public monies, a vote upon any other proposition legally proposed, and the vote for candidates for members of the Board of Education will be held at the polling places hereinafter set forth on the 20th day of May 2025, on which day the polls will be kept open between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the following terms are to be filled on the Board of Education:

TERM	NAME OF PRESENT INCUMBENT
Three (3) years	Cheryl Migatz
Three (3) years	Marie Johnson
Three (3) years	Eddy Sloshower

Pursuant to proposition previously adopted by the voters of this District, the vacancies are not considered separate specific offices; however, a petition is required to nominate a candidate for election. The petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least fifty-six (56) qualified voters of the District, must state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed not later than the 21st day of April 2025 with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., except that petitions will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2025.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the polling places for qualified voters of the six (6) School Election Districts are as follows:

- School Election District No. 1 - Vassar Road Elementary School
- School Election District No. 2 - Wappinger Junior High School
- School Election District No. 3 - Fishkill Elementary School
- School Election District No. 4 - Fishkill Plains Elementary School
- School Election District No. 5 - Gayhead Elementary School
- School Election District No. 6 - Myers Corners Elementary School

The boundaries of the Election Districts are as follows:

DISTRICT NO. 1

BEGINNING at a point being the intersection of the northerly boundary of the school district and the center line of Route 9 (Albany Post Road), thence in a general southerly direction along the center line of Route 9 to the intersection of such center line with the center line of Spring Road, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Spring Road to the center line of Vassar Road, thence in a general northerly direction along the center line of Vassar Road to the center line of Jackson Road, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Jackson Road to the center line of the Wappingers Falls - New Hackensack Road, thence still easterly along the center line of the Wappingers Falls - New Hackensack Road to the center line of Route 376, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Route 376 to the center line of Diddell Road, thence along the center line of Diddell Road in a line of Diddell Road, thence along the center line of Diddell Road in a general northeasterly direction to the center line of New York, New Haven and Hartford R.R. tracks, thence generally southeasterly along the center line of said tracks to the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill, thence northeasterly with the Town line of the Town of East Fishkill to the northerly line of the Central School District, thence with the northerly line of the Central School District as it winds and turns in a northerly and westerly direction to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise election District #1.

DISTRICT #2

BEGINNING at a point being the intersection of the northerly boundary of the school district and the center line of Route 9 (Albany Post Road as it now exits), said point being also the southwesterly corner of Election District No. 1, thence with the southerly boundary of Election District No. 1, thence with the southerly boundary of Election District No. 1 in a general southerly direction along the center line of existing Route 9 to the intersection of such center line with the center line of Spring Road thence leaving the southerly line of District No. 1 and continuing in a general southerly direction along the center line of now existing Route 9 to the northerly line of the Town of Fishkill, thence westerly along the northerly line of the Town of Fishkill to the westerly boundary of the Central School District, thence with the westerly and northerly boundaries of the Central School District as the same winds and turns to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise Election District #2.

DISTRICT #3

BEGINNING at a point, said point being the intersection of the

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northerly line of the Town of Fishkill and the southerly line of the Election District #2 above described, said point lying in the westerly line of the present Central School District, thence in a general easterly direction along the northerly line of the Town of Fishkill and the southerly line of the Election Districts #2 and #6 to the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill, thence with the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill in a general southerly direction to the southerly line of the Town of East Fishkill and the northerly line of the County of Putnam with point is also the southeasterly corner of the Town of Fishkill, thence westerly with the southerly line of the Town of Fishkill to the westerly line of the present district, thence in a general northerly direction along the westerly line of said district at the same winds and turns to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise Election District #3.

DISTRICT #4

BEGINNING at a point in the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill, said point being the intersection thereof with the center line of the Fishkill Creek, thence in a general northerly direction along the easterly line of the Town of East Fishkill to the northerly boundary of the present Central School District, thence along the northerly boundary of the present School District and generally in an easterly and southerly direction to the center line of the Fishkill Creek, thence southwesterly along the center line of the Fishkill Creek as it winds and turns to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise Election District #4.

DISTRICT #5

BEGINNING at the point in the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill, said point being at the intersection thereof with the center line of the Fishkill Creek, thence in a general northerly direction with the center line of the Fishkill Creek as it winds and turns to the easterly boundary of the present School District, thence with the easterly boundary of said present School District, thence with the southerly line of said District and extending into the County of Putnam in a general westerly direction to the westerly line of said School District, thence northerly with the westerly line of said School District to the southerly line of the Town of Fishkill again in Dutchess County, thence easterly along the southerly line of the Town of Fishkill to the easterly line of the Town of East Fishkill, thence northerly along the southerly line of the Town of East Fishkill to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise Election District #5.

DISTRICT #6

BEGINNING at a point being the intersection of the center line of Spring Road and Route 9 (Albany Post Road as it now exits), said point being also in the easterly line of District #2, and the southerly line of Election District #1, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Spring Road to the center line of Vassar Road thence in a general northerly direction along the center line of Vassar Road to the center line of Jackson Road, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Jackson Road to the centerline of the Wappingers Falls - New Hackensack Road, thence still easterly and with the southerly line of District #1 along the center line of the Wappingers Falls - New Hackensack Road to the center line of Route 376, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Route 376 to the center line of Diddell Road, thence along the center line of Diddell Road in a general northeasterly direction to the center line of the New York, New Haven and Hartford R.R. tracks, thence generally southeasterly along the center line of District #1 and proceeding in a general southerly direction along the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill to the northerly line of the Town of Fishkill, thence westerly along the northerly line of the Town of Fishkill to the intersection thereof with the center line of the existing Albany Post Road, said point being the southeasterly corner of District #2, thence with the easterly line of District #2 in a general northerly direction along the center line of existing Route 9 to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise Election District #6.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, of the State of New York, as amended, and resolutions of the Board of Education duly adopted, registration of voters is required, and no person shall be entitled to vote at said Special Meeting whose name does not appear on the register of said School District, or who does not register. Registration pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, as amended, shall not apply to any person registered to vote pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law of the State of New York.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that qualified voters of the Wappingers Central School District may register at the office of the District Clerk of the Wappingers Central School District at 25 Corporate Park Drive, Hopewell Junction, New York, on any school day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. prevailing time up until Thursday, May 15, 2025. At this time any person shall have their name placed on the election register, provided that at such time the person has proven to the satisfaction of the Clerk that he/she shall be entitled to vote. A qualified military voter who is not currently registered can request a military personal registration form during the same times and at the same locations as listed above. Additionally, qualified military voters can contact the District Clerk to indicate their preference to receive a personal registration application via mail, facsimile or electronic mail. The list of registered voters will be available for inspection in the Office of the District Clerk on each of the five days prior to the day set for the School District Election and Vote, weekdays, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 17, 2025, by appointment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a statement of the amount of money which will be required for school district purposes during the 2025-2026 school year exclusive of public money (the school district budget) will be complete, as well as the Exemption Report, listing every type of exemption granted, as provided in Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, and a copy available upon request to each resident of the District and at each school building in the District in which school is maintained and at the District Office during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning on May 6, 2025.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said annual

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. H OF THE YEAR 2025 TITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 72 ENTITLED 'RESIDENTIAL RENTALS'," WHICH IMPLEMENTS GOOD CAUSE EVICTION IN PLEASANT VALLEY

TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York on May 19, 2025 at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law H of 2025, "A Local Law Amending the Town Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley by Enacting a New Chapter 72 Entitled 'Residential Rentals'," which implements Good Cause Eviction in Pleasant Valley.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary. Dated: Pleasant Valley, New York April 16, 2025

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

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election to be held on May 20, 2025, the following propositions will be submitted: Shall the Board of Education of the Wappingers Central School District, Dutchess and Putnam Counties, New York, is hereby authorized to construct improvements and additions to and reconstruct School District buildings and facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, and appurtenances, together with site and athletic field improvements, and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$153,768,000, and that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued? Shall the Board of Education of the Wappingers Central School District, Putnam and Dutchess Counties, New York ("District"), be authorized to purchase student transportation vehicles, including incidental expenses incurred therewith, at a maximum estimated sum of \$2,660,038; and said amount or so much thereof as shall be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District and collected in annual installments as provided by law, and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District shall be issued? Dated: March 24, 2025 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Alberta Pedro - District Clerk																																																															
SUPPLEMENTAL AND AMENDED SUMMONS STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX NUMBER: 2024-52392 DATE FILED: June 10, 2024 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, - against - "THE LINWOOD BURKE ESTATE DEFENDANTS"; LINWOOD BURKE III, as Distributee and Heir at Law of Linwood Burke, Deceased; SCHINIQUA DIAZ, as Distributee and Heir at Law of Linwood Burke, Deceased; "THE JOSEPH W. BURKE ESTATE DEFENDANTS"; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; and "JOHN/JANE DOE 1" t h r o u g h "JOHN/JANE DOE 10", (said last ten names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all other tenants, occupants or other persons or entities having or claiming an interest in the real property which is the subject of this action, whose identity is not presently known to Plaintiff), Defendants. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: "THE LINWOOD BURKE ESTATE DEFENDANTS" AND "THE JOSEPH W. BURKE ESTATE DEFENDANTS" YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in the above action and to serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by per-								sonal delivery within the State of New York. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the amended complaint. Dutchess County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises in this action at 12 Acorn Lane, Hopewell Junction (Town of East Fishkill), New York 12601. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. ORDER AUTHORIZING SERVICE: The foregoing Summons is served upon you pursuant to: (1) an Order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Dutchess (Hon. Thomas R. Davis, J.S.C.), dated the 29th day of April, 2025. NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: The object								of this action is to foreclose a mortgage lien upon and against the premises in Dutchess County, New York located at, and commonly known as 12 Acorn Lane, Hopewell Junction (Town of East Fishkill), New York 12601 (Tax Map No. 6357-04-522006) and the fixtures, improvements, appurtenances and personalty thereon and thereto (the "Mortgaged Premises"), more particularly described in that certain Mortgage executed by Linwood Burke and Shirley A. Burke to 21st Mortgage Corporation to secure the payment of the sum of \$102,481.44, which agreement is dated June 28, 1997 and recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on July 7, 1997, in Book 2308 of Mortgages at page 10. The relief sought in this action is a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, directing the sale of the Mortgaged Premises to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage. DATED: May 2, 2025 ROWLANDS, LEBROU & GRIESMER, PLLC GARY A. LEFKOWITZ, ESQ. Attorneys for Plaintiff 480 Broadway - Suite 250 Saratoga Springs, New York 12866 (518) 587-8112 THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Help for Homeowners in Foreclosure New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Summons and Complaint You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the summons and complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the summons and complaint care-								fully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. Sources of Information The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us. RIGHTS & OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS & UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE & SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY & PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE & LOCAL LAW. Foreclosure rescues scams Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. NOTICE TO TENANTS OF BUILDINGS IN FORECLOSURE WE, 21st MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ARE THE FORECLOSING PARTY AND ARE LOCATED AT 620 MARKET STREET, 1 CENTER SQUARE,								KNOXVILLE, TN 37902. WE CAN BE REACHED AT (800) 955-0021. The dwelling where your apartment is located is the subject of a foreclosure proceeding. If you have a lease, are not the owner of a residence, and the lease requires payment of rent that at the time it was entered into was not substantially less than the fair market rent for the property, you may be entitled to remain in occupancy for the remainder of your lease term. If you do not have a lease, you will be entitled to remain in your home until ninety days after any person or entity who acquires title to the property provides you with a notice as required by section 1305 of the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law. The notices shall provide information regarding the name and address of the new owner and your right to remain in your home. These rights are in addition to any others you may have if you are a subsidized tenant under federal, state or local law or if you are a tenant subject to rent control, rent stabilization or a federal statutory scheme. ALL RENT-STABILIZED TENANTS AND RENT-CONTROLLED TENANTS ARE PROTECTED UNDER THE RENT REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO EVICTION AND LEASE RENEWALS, THESE RIGHTS ARE UNAFFECTED BY A BUILDING ENTERING FORECLOSURE STATUS. THE TENANTS IN RENT-STABILIZED AND RENT-CONTROLLED BUILDINGS CONTINUE TO BE AFFORDED THE SAME LEVEL OF PROTECTION EVEN THOUGH THE BUILDING IS THE SUBJECT OF FORECLOSURE. EVICTIONS CAN ONLY OCCUR IN NEW YORK STATE PURSUANT TO A COURT ORDER AND AFTER A FULL HEARING IN COURT. If you need further information, please call the New York State Department of Financial Services' toll-free helpline at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at http://www.dfs.ny.gov v. 85655								TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY PROPOSED LOCAL LAW H OF THE YEAR 2025 A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY BY ENACTING								A NEW CHAPTER 72 ENTITLED "RESIDENTIAL RENTALS" BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows: SECTION 1. PURPOSE The purpose of this Local Law is to promote the public health, safety and welfare by opting in to the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law (RPL Article 6-a), as permitted by Real Property Law § 213, and amending the Town Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley to enact a new Chapter 72 entitled "Residential Rentals," with Article I entitled "Prohibition on Eviction Without Good Cause," to implement the provisions of the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law in the Town of Pleasant Valley. SECTION 2. AUTHORITY AND SUPERSESSON This law is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law 10(1)(ii)(a)(12) which grants local governments the authority to enact local laws regarding the public health, safety and welfare, and pursuant to the provisions of Real Property Law Article 6-a. To the extent the provisions of this Local Law conflict with State law, the Town Board hereby asserts its intention to supersede same pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law. SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF TOWN CODE The Town Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley is hereby amended to add a new Chapter 72 entitled "Residential Rentals," which shall read as follows: CHAPTER 72 Residential Rentals Article I: Prohibition on Eviction Without Good Cause § 162-1 Purpose. The purpose of this article is to make the provisions of Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law regarding rental property and prohibiting certain evictions without good cause effective and binding law in the Town of Pleasant Valley. § 162-2 Opt-in to New York State Real Property Law Article 6-a. As authorized by New York State Real Property Law Section 213, the Town of Pleasant Valley does hereby opt-in to the provisions of New York State Real Property Law Article 6-a. § 162-3 Prohibition of evictions without good cause. A. All applicable provisions set forth in Article 6-a of the New York State Real Prop-								erty Law, and any amendments thereto, are hereby adopted by the Town of Pleasant Valley and incorporated herein by reference. B. Pursuant to § 213(2)(a) of Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law, for the purposes of this chapter, any unit within a housing accommodation shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter if such unit has a monthly rent above three hundred forty-five percent (345%) of fair market rent, as published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and as shall be published for the County of Dutchess by the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal. C. Pursuant to § 213(2)(b) of Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law, for the purposes of this chapter, a "small landlord" is defined as a landlord of no more than one (1) housing accommodation anywhere in the State of New York, provided that owner-occupied housing accommodations or otherwise exempt housing accommodations shall not be considered in calculating the number of housing accommodations owned by a landlord. § 162-4 Automatic Sunset of this Chapter. Pursuant to § 7(b) of Chapter 56, Part HH, of the Laws of the State of New York of 2024, this chapter shall automatically expire and be repealed on June 15, 2034, unless Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law is extended or otherwise amended to remain in force and effect by the State of New York prior to such automatic repeal date. SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY If any clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part of this local law shall be judged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which judgment shall have been rendered. SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE This local law will take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State in Albany.							

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6. Pro football org.
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13. Relating to axis
14. Gershwin or Levin
15. Break of day
16. Repeat, in music
17. Red Cross bed
18. Arm bones
19. *Mother _____, personification of physical world
21. *Mother _____, fictional dog owner
23. Opposite of hence
24. Sleeveless garment
25. Money source
28. Golfer's destination
30. Pass, as time
35. "Metamorphoses" poet
37. *The Beatles: "Mother _____ comes to me"
39. "The Goldbergs" sibling
40. Unacceptable, to a baby
41. Alpine singing
43. Resembling wings
44. Fill with optimism
46. Fill to satisfaction
47. Orion's _____
48. Like funereal atmosphere
50. Lice eggs
52. Morse code dash
53. Remainder of a cigarette
55. Before skip and a jump
57. *Mother of _____, a.k.a. Daenerys Targaryen
61. *Mother _____, Missionaries of Charity founder
64. Passé
65. Stir or fuss
67. Add together
69. Anomie, alt. sp.
70. Decompose
71. Very angry
72. Puppy sounds
73. "_____ no evil, hear no evil"
74. Tennis-affected joint

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6. French Riviera city
7. "To" follower
8. Wood turning device
9. Tulip starter
10. Leo's Karenina
11. ____ gum, food additive
12. Put metal to the pedal, p.t.
15. Difficult to detect
20. With ample space
22. Employ
24. Green and lush, as in trees
25. *Mother ____, investigative journalism nonprofit
26. Convex molding
27. Twofold
29. Cambodia's neighbor
31. A in UAE
32. Heaped
33. Famous Teatro alla ____
34. *Mother ____, personification of planet
36. Shower with affection
38. Abominable snowman
42. River in Hades
45. Personify
49. *Mother Superior is the head one at the convent
51. Foray
54. Former Russian leaders
56. *Mother of ____, a.k.a. nacre
57. June 6, 1944
58. Raja's wife
59. On the surface
60. Emeralds and rubies
61. Carrying bag
62. Hunk of something
63. Lowest female singing voice
66. Female forest ruminant
68. Archery bow wood

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‘Prepare Ye the Way’ for ‘Godspell,’ now playing at The Center

Rhinebeck Theatre Society will present “Godspell” at The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck through May 18. “Godspell” is a musical based on the New Testament gospels, mostly St. Matthew, and uses the parables and passion story of Jesus for an inventively theatrical and interactive show about the formation of a community.

The brainchild of composer and lyricist Stephen Schwartz (who later brought us “Pippin” and “Wicked”), “Godspell” launched Schwartz’s career in 1971 as a master’s thesis project at Carnegie Mellon University, where he and John-Michael Tebelak, who wrote the script, studied. Through its success, “Godspell” was then brought to the off-off Broadway Theatre La MaMa Experimental Theatre club in the East Village. From there, it exploded in popularity, and has been performed all over the world, spanning decades and leading to its most recent revival in 2011 and the 2012 national tour.

“‘Godspell’ spreads the fundamental message: help each other; be kind, be compassionate, be human,” says Director Wertheim.

In “Godspeall,” we follow Jesus, John the Baptist, and an eccentric troupe of actors as they lead the audience through parables using a wide variety of storytelling, perfectly timed comedy, styled movement, wacky props, silly instruments, and singing in a broad spectrum of styles ranging from Vaudeville to ’70s pop (one of the numbers, “Day by Day,” reached #13 on the Billboard Pop Hits in 1972).

Mikey Clark is assistant director, musical direction is by Paul & JoAnne Schubert, and choreography by Brook



Rhinebeck Theatre Society will present “Godspell” at The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinbeck until May 18.
-Photo by Olivia Michaels

Wallace. “Godspell” is produced by Joe Eriole for Rhinebeck Theatre Society.

The cast features Jonah Woodcock as Jesus, Daniel Brenner as Judas/John the Baptist, with Kathy Bailey, Andrew Bruck, Natalie Bunta, Kelsey Christiana, Kiara Daniello, Emily Eichler, Kaeli Heffner, Olivia Hoben, Jabez Jackson, Audra James, Arielle Knapp, Simon Meisel, Risa Petrone, Maya Schubert, Rob Trama, and Jasha Woodall.

Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays; at

3 p.m. on Saturday, May 17; and at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$29 and available at <https://www.centerforperformingarts.org/whats-playing/godspell>

The Center is at 661 Route 308, just east of Rhinebeck Village.

Rabies clinic set for May 31 in Poughkeepsie

The Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) has partnered with the Hudson Valley Animal Rescue & Sanctuary (HVARs) to host a series of free rabies vaccination clinics for local pets. The first clinic is scheduled for Saturday, May 31st at the HVARs hospital, located at 9 Barnes Drive in Poughkeepsie from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is open to dogs, cats, and domestic ferrets 3 months of age and older. Pre-registration is required and is available online at hvars.org.

The clinic is free for Dutchess County residents and \$15 per pet for non-residents. All dogs must be on a leash, and cats and domestic ferrets must be in carriers. Vaccinations will be good for three years with proof of prior vaccination. For those without proof, the vaccination will be good for one year. Microchipping will also be available at a cost of \$45 per pet, and a one-year distemper vaccine for \$25 per pet.

Rabies vaccinations are required by New York State law for all cats, dogs, and domestic ferrets by four months of

age. Pet owners are required to revaccinate on a regular schedule to keep the animal properly immunized against the rabies virus.

HVARs is a non-profit animal rescue, wildlife rehabilitation center & low-cost vet service that opened in 2011, first offering mobile pet clinics before opening its Poughkeepsie hospital location in 2015.

Two additional rabies clinics will be hosted in 2025 as well as spay and neuter services to help reduce the number of

feral cats in the area.

DCDOH is available to answer questions or concerns regarding potential rabies exposure to people or domestic animals. If a person or a domestic pet is bitten or is in contact with any animal, please contact DCDOH at 845-486-3404 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or 845-431-6465 on nights and weekends.

To learn more about rabies, visit dutchessny.gov/rabies or one may contact DCDOH at ehs@dutchessny.gov.

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Raise funds for ARF on May 18 in Beacon during annual 5K run, walk

By Kristine Coulter

The Animal Rescue Foundation, known as ARF, has become such an integral part of the local community. Now, one can give back by participating in the annual ARF 5K Run & Walk from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 18 at Memorial Park, Robert Cahill Dr., in Beacon.

“This year marks the 10th anniversary of the 5K Run & Walk with the Dogs — a decade of coming together as a community to move with purpose and compassion,” Marjorie Vales, the event director, stated via email. “What began as a small fundraiser has grown into a beloved tradition that unites animal lovers in support of ARF’s mission to rescue and rehome cats and dogs in need. Each year, every step taken has helped give pets a second chance—a journey from rescue to rehoming, from uncertainty to unconditional love.”

ARF is “a 100% volunteer-run, no-kill nonprofit organization dedicated to rescuing and rehoming cats and dogs in need—giving them a second chance at life and love,” said Vales.

ARF currently has just over 30 cats and approximately a dozen dogs (numbers fluctuate as hopefully animals have been adopted after press deadline).

“ARF has become a vital part of the local community through compassionate service, outreach, and unwavering commitment to animal welfare. While we rescue animals locally, we also partner with overcrowded shelters across the southern United States—coordinating safe transport and providing these animals with the opportunity to find loving homes,” explained Vales. “Every animal in our care receives the attention, support, and kindness they deserve. We work closely



Help raise funds for the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) during the 10th annual ARF 5K Run & Walk with the Dogs on Sunday, May 18 at Memorial Park in Beacon. Pictured is one of the dogs during a previous year’s event.

-Courtesy photo ARF

with an amazing Fear Free certified trainer to build confidence and prepare each pup for a successful adoption. Our mission is powered entirely by volunteers and sustained by the generosity of the community we proudly serve.”

Planning for the Run & Walk, said Vales, “truly begins the day the event ends, the prior year.” She continued, “As soon as the last participant crosses the finish line, I start collecting feedback—the highlights, the challenges, and everything in between—to begin brainstorming ways to elevate the experience for participants, sponsors, vendors, volunteers, and the broader community.”

ARF is a 100% volunteer-run organization, so every dollar raised goes direct-

ly to the care and well-being of our animals, explained Vales. “These funds support all aspects of adoption readiness—from veterinary care and training to nutritious food, cozy bedding, and essential supplies,” said the event director.

Vales ensures neighborhood partners are informed in advanced and knows every detail – like kiddie pools at the end of the finish line for the dogs - counts, said the organizer.

“Throughout the summer, I stay in touch with partners, and by fall, I begin implementing improvements—updating registration, refining sponsorship packages, and sharing those updates with our supporters.

“It’s a year-round labor of love, and



The 10th annual ARF 5K Run & Walk with the Dogs on Sunday, May 18 at Memorial Park in Beacon. Pictured are participants during a previous year’s event.

that ongoing dedication is what helps the event grow stronger and more meaningful with each passing year,” stated Vales.

There have been recent updates to the New York State’s shelter guidelines, Vales noted, and “community support is more vital than ever to help us meet these standards and continue providing the safe, loving care every animal deserves.”

Vales said, “Here’s to ten incredible years of heart, hope, and helping paws—and to many more ahead. We’re deeply grateful to everyone who’s been part of this journey.”

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